

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
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2003

CHAPTER 108

HOUSE BILL 2118

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 41-603, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF VETERANS' SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 41-603, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

41-603. Powers and duties

A. The department may act as guardian of an incapacitated veteran, the incapacitated spouse of an incapacitated veteran or minor children of a veteran, or as conservator of the estate of a protected veteran or of the veteran's incapacitated or surviving spouse or of the minor children of a veteran.

B. The department shall:

1. Assist veterans and their families and dependents in presenting, providing and establishing claims, privileges, rights and benefits they may have under federal, state or local law.

2. Inform veterans and their families and dependents and military and civilian authorities about federal, state and local laws enacted to benefit veterans and their families and dependents and members of the armed forces.

3. Collect information relating to services and facilities available to veterans.

4. Cooperate with all government and private agencies receiving services for or benefits to veterans and their families and dependents.

5. Conduct administrative reviews and, if possible, correct abuses or prevent exploitation of veterans and their families or dependents and recommend corrective legislation.

6. Adopt rules deemed necessary to administer this article.

7. Enter into agreements with veterans' organizations in this state holding a charter granted by the Congress of the United States for the beneficial interest of veterans.

8. ~~Determine~~ VERIFY AND PROVIDE WRITTEN CONFIRMATION TO THE PERSON OF eligibility for special license plates issued pursuant to section 28-2455 BY DETERMINING THAT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ARE TRUE:

(a) THE PERSON WAS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES ON DECEMBER 7, 1941.

(b) THE PERSON RECEIVED AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES.

(c) THE PERSON WAS ON STATION ON DECEMBER 7, 1941, DURING THE HOURS OF 7:55 A.M. TO 9:45 A.M., HAWAII TIME AT PEARL HARBOR, THE ISLAND OF OAHU OR OFFSHORE, AT A DISTANCE NOT EXCEEDING THREE MILES.

9. Evaluate, supervise, approve and disapprove programs offered by educational institutions and training establishments pursuant to United States Code titles 10 and 38 and state rules, so that veterans and their dependents may draw the educational allowance provided by federal law while pursuing approved programs.

- 1 10. Approve or disapprove veterans' organizations seeking to solicit
2 money or other support in this state in the name of American veterans.
3 C. The department may acquire property for and construct and operate
4 a veterans' home facility in southern Arizona.
5 D. The department may acquire property for and establish and operate
6 cemeteries for veterans in this state.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 28, 2003.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 28, 2003.

Passed the House March 3, 2003,

Passed the Senate April 16, 2003,

by the following vote: 58 Ayes,

by the following vote: 30 Ayes,

0 Nays, 2 Not Voting

0 Nays, 0 Not Voting

Jake Flake
Speaker of the House

Rufus L. Phillips
President of the Senate

Norman L. Moore
Chief Clerk of the House

Charmine Bellinger
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

_____ day of _____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary to the Governor

Approved this _____ day of

_____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this _____ day of _____, 20____,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State

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HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

April 23, 2003,

by the following vote: 59 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

Jake Flake
Speaker of the House
Norman L. Moore
Chief Clerk of the House

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

23 day of April, 2003

at 11:44 o'clock A M.

Sandra Gandy
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 28 day of

April, 2003,

at 3:35 o'clock P. M.

Jon R. Norquist
Governor of Arizona

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 28 day of April, 2003,

at 4:51 o'clock P M.
Janice L. Brewer
Secretary of State